

Meeting Description: August Michigan Geographic Framework Users Meeting

Date: September 7, 2006

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Michigan Center for Geographic Information, George W. Romney Building, 10th Floor, Large Conference Room

Attendees:

Brandon Bartoszek, West Michigan Regional Planning Commission (WMRPC)

David Dickason, Western Michigan University

Everett Root, CGI

Gordon Rector, Census Bureau

Joyce Newell, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

Julie White, U.S. Census Bureau

Matthew Kaiser, City of Grand Rapids

Nick Wheeler, Hillsdale County

Rosemary Anger, Barry County

Sam Quon, City of Lansing

Sherman Hollander, DNR

Steve Aichele, United States Geological Survey (USGS)

Conference Update

MICAMP - Boyne, MI, September 13, 2006 thru September 15, 2006.

Framework Update

Everett, CGI

- 1) Currently working on Version 7 inputs to the MGF. These include:
 - a) Act51 – 2005 Certification
- 2) Will show up in version 7
 - a) Still working with Crash – New roads submitted by MSP
 - b) State Park and Boating Access Sites – incorporating w/linear referencing system
- 3) Has not gone in yet, it will be a version 7.

- a) Continuation of Allegan and Genesee County partnerships
- 4) We continue to work on county partnerships for framework updates.
 - a) Meetings were held with Monroe, Jackson, and Ionia counties.
 - b) We are looking for more partnerships, will be discussing at MICAMP.
 - c) Information handouts will be available at MICAMP, or you can call the office if interested for more information.
- 5) Version 6B shape files; have been posted to the Geographic Data Library.
 - a) Grade separations at rail crossings are available on version 6B.

Digital Ortho Update

Everett, CGI

- 1) Setting up a test server, with some imagery that will be looked at in house. Will then go into state agencies and allow them to view the website with their different types of software and evaluate if this will be a possible type of solution.
 - a) Test copy being set up, October 1st. goal for state agency viewing.
- 2) We have continued to receive inquiries from counties or communities about the partnership program for 2007 and 2008.
 - a) Pointing people in the right direction for paperwork.
 - b) No information regarding the 2006 partnerships at this time.

Rosemary

- 1) NAIP Imagery is available at the NRCS data gateway
<http://datagateway.nrcs.usda.gov>

National Hydrology Dataset

Everett, CGI

- 1) We have partnered with MSU, to help us update and deliver, slated to finish NHD by the December 1st. deadline to USGS.

- 2) Entire state should be on the website by January.
- 3) Goal to have entire Country done by January 1, no update on this date.
- 4) We did provide some Michigan data to them for a watershed that predominately goes into Indian the larger St. Joe Watershed. Our framework hydrology will be in that product.

DNR Projects and Activities

Sherman, DNR

- 1) Nothing new to report

MDOT Projects and Activities

Joyce Newell, MDOT

- 1) Finished with defining traffic segments for our local road count program.
 - a) Around 12,000 counts to get done in six-year cycle.
 - b) Call for proposals to Regional Planning Agencies, and Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Hope to have by end of the month.
 - c) Have also asked for existing data that would give us traffic volumes from recent counts in the last 5-6 years.
- 2) Version 7 Priorities Meeting
 - a) It did take place, but still discussing some things.
 - b) Better sources for getting roads in quicker.
 - c) Would like to build a bridge between county road agencies and CGI so they can send in changes directly.

CGI Projects and Activities

Everett, CGI

- 1) DLEG new web site, Landbank Fast Track Authority. Can be seen at www.michigan.gov/dleg.
 - a) You can see a map, air photo and information about tax reverted properties.
- 2) Funding to conduct another remote sensing information workshop.
 - a) Similar to what was done at MICAMP a few years ago.

- b) This is through NASA.
- c) Proposal needs to be in by the end of September.
- d) If interested contact Rob Surber.

County/Local Projects and Activities

Barry County.

Rosemary Anger, Barry County

- 1) NAIP, very popular.
 - a) Cannot do urban areas, resolution too low.
- 2) Getting ready for MICAMP

Hillsdale County

Nick Wheeler, Hillsdale County

- 1) Hoping to partner with State of Michigan sometime in the future.

City of Grand Rapids

Matthew Kaiser, City of Grand Rapids

- 1) Healthy GIS system that also supports the county.

City of Lansing

Sam Quon, City of Lansing

- 1) Our 911 Center is working on a street centerline data for our Computer Aided Dispatch system for all of Ingham County, Lansing is complete.
- 2) Working on project with Ingham County, 30th. Circuit Court for Safety Zones.
 - a) Buffers 1000 feet from schools, parks, to identify what properties are within those areas so that sex offenders cannot move into those areas.
 - i) Just for the City of Lansing
 - ii) Using Map Book application with ARC GIS to produce a map for them.
- 3) Tax Description and Mapping Specialist retired after 30 years.
 - a) Administration decided not to replace position at this time.

Western Michigan University

David Dickason, WMU

- 1) For anyone looking for employees: Our program this last year was the 6th largest program in the US to give Masters Degree's. We gave 17 Master Degree's last year.
 - a) Master's Level is biggest in the State.
 - b) Strong and growing GIS Program.
 - c) Have doubled in size in the last six years.
- 2) The department may have a workshop in May.
- 3) Have a new center, the W.E. Upjohn Center for the Study of Geographical Change.
 - a) Center not based on state money, privately funded.
 - b) It will extend our possibilities of looking at how we deal with legacy materials from the pre-digital era.
 - c) Maps and Arial photos.
 - d) Currently have two of the ultimate scanning systems in the world.
 - i) Powered by CCG spot satellite.
 - ii) Only one other place has a scanning system like this, and that is the Library of Congress.
 - e) Would like to speak with anyone about partnerships, with or without funding.
 - f) Not only geared towards the State of Michigan, but also other areas of the Country, and the World.

Regional Projects and Activities

Brandon Bartoszek, WMRPC

- 1) Working on regional non-motorized trail map for West Michigan.

Federal Projects and Activities

Census Bureau

Gordon Rector, Census

- 1) LUCA (Local Update of Census Addresses)
 - a) Will be sending out the lists this time next year.

- b) Prior to, letters will go out announcing the program and asking communities to name a contact.
- 2) Looking at recruiting for the geography department.
 - a) Starts within the next month, will increase over the next year or two.
 - i) Geography or GIS background or combination of both.
 - ii) Started to contact the Schools and Universities.

Census Bureau

Julie White, Census Bureau

- 1) We finished updating TIGER with the updates from the 2006 Boundary
 - 2) and Annexation Survey.
 - a) The Governmental units (GU's) sent us boundary
 - 3) changes, updates to street structure and address information to be inserted in TIGER.
- We received a good response from the GU's.

USGS

Steve Aichele, USGS

- 1) NHD is moving well.
- 2) Elevation Workshop still looking for a date, looking at January sometime.
 - a) Funding is in place, and it will be happening.

Other Issues

Nothing new to report.

Next Meeting

October 5th at 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, Michigan Center for Geographic Information,
George W. Romney Building, 111 S Capitol Ave., 10th Floor, Lansing, MI 48933